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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROCEDURES

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1. BASED ON MESSAGES FROM ADDRESSEES, IT APPEARS THAT CONTACT WITH LOCAL POLICE IS ADEQUATE. POSTS MIGHT BENEFIT, HOWEVER, BY REQUESTING A LIAISON OFFICER BE TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO EACH OB UNTIL THREAT OF DEMONSTRATIONS DIMINISHES.

2. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO SEND HOME NON-ESSENTIAL AMERICAN AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES WHEN POST LEARNS THAT DEMONSTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE. IT IS UNWISE TO PLAN FOR A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION, AND IT IS TOO LATE TO SEND PERSONNEL AWAY FROM THE BUILDING AFTER A DEMONSTRATION HAS
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3. IF POSSIBLE, VEHICLES SHOULD BE KEPT AWAY FROM THE OB AND PLACED UNDER LOCAL POLICE PROTECTION.

4. SECTIONS J&K OF E&E PLAN SHOULD BE REVIEWED TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS KNOW THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

5. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES FROM PUBLIC ABOUT SAFETY OF AMCITS IN NIGERIA AND ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF UNDERTAKING TRAVEL TO NIGERIA. IN ABSENCE EMBASSY OR CONSULATE REPORTING TO CONTRARY, DEPARTMENT HAS REPLIED THAT ALL AMCITS PRESUMED SAFE AND THAT BUSINESS AND TOURIST TRAVEL TAKING PLACE AS NORMAL. PLEASE ALERT DEPARTMENT TO ANY RPT ANY CHANGE THIS ASSESSMENT.

6. FOR KADUNA AND IBADAN: HAS A SAFEHAVEN AREA BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE EVENT THE OB MUST BE EVACUATED?

7. FOR LAGOS AND IBADAN: IN VIEW RECENT DEMONSTRATION BY UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN STUDENTS AND POSSIBILITY OF RECURRENCE, SHOULD BOOKWEEK USA EXHIBIT ON CAMPUS BE RECONSIDERED OR POSTPONED?

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